

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 3-8, 49, 58 and 59 are allowed and that dependent claims 57 and 60 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In response, independent claims 9 and 53 have been amended to include all limitations from allowable dependent claims 60 and 57, respectively. Applicants request entry of this amendment because it places the application in condition for allowance.

Thus, claims 3-20, 49-56, 58 and 59 are pending. Claims 57 and 60 have been cancelled.

Applicants submit that the amendment of independent claims 9 and 53 renders the §103(a) rejections of claims 9-12, 14, 15, 49, 50-53, 55, and 56 over Barone in view of Charlton and of claims 13, 16-20 and 54 over Barone, Charlton and Kaminar moot.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are

needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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